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AIR STREMPTH OF SATELLITES DOUBLED IN 1951

London, 14 December (NTB -- Reuter) -- The Soviet Union doubled the air atrength of its East European Satellites during 1951, the Daily Telegraph's Vienna correspondent asserted. He gave "reliable circles" in the Austrian

According to the information the correspondent received, the six East European Satellites -- Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumenia, Bulgaria, and Albania -- now have 2,200 aircraft, mostly fighters, fighter-bombers, and training planes, at their disposal. In the last 12 months, these countries have received 100 jet fighters.

In the opinion of the Daily Telegraph's correspondent, this is significant because up to a few months ago, the Soviets were very hesitant to deliver jet fighters to other countries. He observed that it is possible that the Soviets now plan to supply the Satellites with planes of this kind.

The correspondent also found it interesting to note that these countries do not have heavy bombers. This could indicate that the Soviets intend themselves to take over the strategic bombing from bases in the USSR in the event of another war. Although it is possible that such a decision might be taken purely from military considerations, the correspondent perceived in it a certwin distrust toward the Satellites on the part of the USSR. On the other hand, extensive construction of airfields capable of receiving heavy bombers is in progress in the Satellite countries, he reported.

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